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#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In Re:	
GROVE STREET REALTY URBAN	Chapter 11
RENEWAL, LLC,	·
Debtor.	Case No. 10-30427 (JHW)

# OBJECTION OF JEFF MAST AND SUSAN MAST TO THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE DESCRIBING THE CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION PROPOSED BY GROVE STREET REALTY URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

Jeff Mast and Susan Mast (the "Masts"), are members of Grove Street Realty Urban Renewal, LLC (the "Debtor" or "Debtor LLC," both terms used interchangeably) and are equity shareholders in Debtor LLC. The Masts, by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully object to the Disclosure Statement (the "Disclosure Statement") describing the Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, and in support thereof state and aver as follows:

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On or about September 30, 2005, Debtor, via its alleged Managing Member Thomas Hedenberg ("Hedenberg") accepted \$150,000 from the Masts as a Capital Contribution investment in Debtor.
- 2. In return, the Masts acquired a 1.999 percent membership interest in Debtor, with corresponding voting rights.
- 3. On or about September 30, 2005, Debtor and Masts executed an Operating Agreement for Grove Street Realty Urban Renewal, LLC ("OA") (attached hereto as "Exhibit A").
- 4. This OA sets forth the members of the Debtor LLC and their corresponding membership interests (attached hereto as "Exhibit A-1").
  - a. As Exhibit A-1 will show, the Masts are two (2) of eight (8) total members of the Debtor LLC and at least four (4) of the other members are similarly situated minority interest holders.
- 5. On or about January 1, 2006, a Restated Operating Agreement ("ROA") was published by Hedenberg (attached hereto as "Exhibit B").
- 6. Although the Masts and the other minority interest holders are named in the ROA as a new category of "Class B Members," and are allegedly subject to its terms and conditions, the Masts never signed the ROA and they question whether they even ever saw it before.
  - 7. The ROA sets forth that Hedenberg owns 40 "Class A Units."
- 8. The ROA sets forth that the Masts contributed \$150,000 and own 2.0 "Class B Units."

- 9. A basic syllogism proves that "Units" are the same as a membership interest (see above item 2).
  - a. If a \$150,000 investment is a 1.999 (for argument's sake 2.0) membership interest; and
  - b. 2.0 Class B Units is a \$150,000 investment; then,
  - c. Membership interest and Unit are synonymous.
- 10. According to the OA, the Masts were to receive "guaranteed" quarterly distributions (See attached "Exhibit C").
- 11. According to the ROA, which is dated less than four (4) months after the OA, member's will only receive a distribution, "if and to the extent determined by the Manager to be available for distribution, to the Members in each year" (See p. 16 of Exhibit B, the ROA).
- 12. The timing of distributions became irregular and infrequent, and in the second quarter of 2009, the distributions and all financial reporting to the Masts ceased completely.
- 13. Unbeknownst to the Masts, the subject Chapter 11 Bankruptcy was filed on July 1, 2010 ("Petition Date"), with a corporate resolution attached to the filing that authorized Hedenberg to file a Bankruptcy on behalf of the LLC, which corporate resolution was solely executed by Hedenberg (a 40% interest holder in Debtor), without Notice or a meeting.
- 14. Hedenberg set forth in an email to Jeff Mast, dated July 29, 2010, that there is a "substantial amount of real equity in our investment property between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000" (see attached "Exhibit D").
- 15. On or about Oct. 1, 2010, Debtor filed its Plan of Reorganization and accompanying Disclosure Statement.

#### **OBJECTION**

- I. The Disclosure Statement Should Not be Approved Because It Violates 11 U.S.C. §§1129(b)(2)(B) and (C)
- 16. As an equity security/interest holder in Debtor, the Masts have standing to file this Objection pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1109(b) and The Masts incorporate the above referenced paragraphs as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 17. 11. U.S.C. §1129(b)(2), also referred to as the Absolute Priority Rule, sets forth that "the holder of any claim or interest that is junior to the claims of such class will not receive or retain under the plan on account of such junior claim or interest any property,..."
- 18. The Disclosure Statement details the treatment of five (5) Classes of Claims and one (1) class of general interest holders in the Debtor LLC (pp. 7-11), of which the Masts (the Objecting Parties) fall into Class 6: Interest Holders.
- 19. Class 5 claims are the Unsecured Claims, which Claimants are listed on Debtor's Schedule F to its voluntary Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Petition.
  - 20. Schedule F lists one creditor as: "Personal Loans to Partnerships."
- 21. Also, Hedenberg sets forth that he made personal loans to the Debtor in his email to Jeff Mast that is attached as Exhibit D.
- 22. The Disclosure Statement sets forth that "Debtor intends to pay ten percent (10%) of all Allowed Unsecured Claims," the Class 5 claims of which Hedenberg has personally included himself among (p. 10).
- 23. As to the Class 6 Interest Holders, The Disclosure Statement sets forth that: "The rights afforded in the Plan and the treatment of all Claims and Equity Interests in the Plan shall

be in exchange for and in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release of Claims and Equity Interests of any nature whatsoever,..." (p. 20, item B.).

24. According to the distributions outlined in the Disclosure Statement, Tom Hedenberg (as an Interest Holder in the LLC and an alleged Unsecured Creditor) has arranged for a distribution to himself while the other Interest Holders will likely have their interests discharged by way of confirmation of the plan.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein above, the Masts respectfully request that the Court enter an Order denying approval of the Debtor's Disclosure Statement since the Disclosure Statement is in violation of 11 U.S.C. §§1129(b)(2)(B) and (C).

### II. The Disclosure Statement Should Not be Approved Because It Violates Bankruptcy Rule 1007(a)(3).

- 25. The Masts incorporate the above referenced paragraphs as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 26. The Debtor's Disclosure Statement, which is a reflection of the Creditors and Equity Security Holders allegedly "disclosed" in the Plan and allegedly appropriately scheduled in the Petition, should not be approved because it does not set forth the equity interest holders in Debtor LLC, which interest holders are correspondingly not set forth in the proposed Plan, nor are they listed on the Petition in accordance with Rule 1007(a)(3), causing these interest holders to not received notice or the opportunity to file the corresponding Proof of Interest.
- 27. On the appropriate form to the Petition titled "List of Equity Security Holders," the Debtor only states to "See Attachment to SOFA #21" (SOFA 21: Current Partners, Officers, Directors and Shareholders). Then, under SOFA #21, it further refers to an attachment to SOFA

with a list of investors. This is a way that Debtor is able to avoid Notice of the current Chapter 11 Bankruptcy being sent to the Equity Security Holders, the Masts being among this group.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein above, the Masts respectfully request that the Court enter an Order denying approval of the Debtor's Disclosure Statement since the Disclosure Statement is in violation of Bankruptcy Rule 1007(a)(3).

### III. The Disclosure Statement Should Not be Approved Because It Violates 11 U.S.C. §1129(a)(3).

- 28. The Masts incorporate the above referenced paragraphs as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 29. The Disclosure Statement should not be approved because it violates 11. U.S.C. §1129(a)(3) as the Disclosure Statement and corresponding Plan were not proposed in good faith.
- 30. According to the Disclosure Statement, the Interest Holders are not even afforded the opportunity to vote on the Plan, as the Disclosure Statement sets forth that, "a vote will only be counted if submitted by a creditor whose claim is duly scheduled by the Debtor..." (p. 4). The names and interests of the Equity Interest Holders are not "scheduled" or mentioned anywhere in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or anywhere on the Petition that would facilitate notice to the Equity Interest Holders of their rights under the Federal Bankruptcy Code.
- 31. Furthermore, the Disclosure Statement and proposed Plan set forth that the interests of the equity interest holders will likely be discharged following confirmation of the Plan (see Disclosure Statement p. 20, item B and Plan p. 15, item 14.3).
- 32. The interests of the Equity Interest Holders and their rights to receive notice of the filing of the Petition, to vote on the Plan, and to have any opportunity to oppose the attempted

discharge of all of their interests in Debtor were not provided for in the Disclosure Statement or the proposed Plan.

- 33. Finally, there was not an authorized corporate resolution that would allow only Hedenberg to file a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Petition on behalf of the Debtor LLC (filed corporate resolution attached as "Exhibit E").
  - a. The ROA specifically states that: "the Manager shall not undertake any of the following on behalf of the Company without the consent of a Majority in Interest: Filing a voluntary petition in bankruptcy" (ROA p. 23 attached as "Exhibit F").
  - b. The ROA specifically states that Hedenberg has a 40% interest in the Debtor (ROA p. 5 attached as "Exhibit G").
  - c. A 40% interest does not constitute a "Majority in Interest" as the ROA mandates for the filing of a voluntary petition in bankrupty.
  - d. To the Mast knowledge and belief, there was no Notice provided or meeting held to vote on authorization to file the current Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.
- 34. The Masts had no prior knowledge of the filing of the Debtor's Chapter 11 Petition until several weeks after it was filed, and now they are not given any opportunity to claim or represent their interest in the Debtor as to this Chapter 11 filing.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein above, the Masts respectfully request that the Court enter an Order denying approval of the Debtor's Disclosure Statement since the Disclosure Statement is in violation of 11 U.S.C. §§1129(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Mast and Susan Mast do hereby pertify:

- 1. They are parties in interest to the above referenced action as they are equity interest holders in Debtor.
- 2. They have reviewed the aforementic ed Objection to the Disclosure Statement and certify that all of the information star d therein is truthful and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they; e aware that they are subject to the penalty of

perjury for any intentionally talse inf rmation.

By:

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